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SUBJ: JAPANESE ECONOMIC DELEGATION IN CAIRO

1. THE 20-MAN JAPANESE BUSINESS DELEGATION, WHICH VISITED CAIRO FROM DECEMBER 8 TO 11, HAD MEETINGS WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EGYPTIAN GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION, THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, DEPT PRIME MINISTER HATEM, AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HIGAZY, WHO ALSO SERVES AS MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE.

2. ACCORDING TO THE CAIRO PRESS, THE DELEGATION OFFERED DOLLARS 500 MILLION AS A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD CLEARING THE SUEZ CANAL, IN ADDITION TO CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD OTHER ECONOMIC PROJECTS, AND EXPRESSED READINESS TO PROVIDE "ALL MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL AID REQUESTED BY EGYPT" DR. HIGAZY REPORTEDLY SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED PROVISION OF SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM CREDIT FACILITIES VALUED AT DOLLARS 150 MILLION.

3. HOWEVER, JAPANESE EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER TOLD USINT
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OFFICER THAT DELEGATION WAS FORMED PRIOR TO OCTOBER WAR AND

WAS NOT EMPOWERED TO NEGOTIATE IN BEHALF OF GOJ. HE ADDED THAT HIS EMBASSY FELT THE VISIT WAS INAPPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE OFFICIAL GOJ DELEGATION UNDER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MIKI IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN CAIRO DECEMBER 14.

4. JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER ASSERTED THAT ABOVE-MENTIONED EGYPTIAN PRESS REPORTS ARE UNTRUE, BUT MAY BE A GOOD INDICATION OF WHAT SUBJECTS GOE INTENDS TO RAISE WITH MIKI. EILTS

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